

Egremont Planning Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2022

Call to order: 10:10 AM

Present via Zoom:

Planning Board: Jared Kelly (absent), Chair, Mary McGurn (MM), Stephen Lyle (SL), Matthew Bersani (absent), Eddie Regendahl (ER)

Citizens in Attendance: Eileen Vining (EV)

Form A's: None

Mail: None

Minutes: Jan 5, 19, and 27 Adopted

Citizen's Time: None

Updates and discussion

Fence bylaw proposal: ER will research the relevant MA State Law.

Expressions of Interest MM reported that 5 Expressions of Interest were submitted to the Commonwealth's Community One Stop for Growth on Feb 3rd by Peg McDonough, Egremont's ARPA Administrator. SL's request for a copy of the EOIs will be forwarded to McDonough.

Junk vehicle bylaw: SL asked the board for their views on whether to impose any limitation on the number of junk vehicles and parts thereof allowed when out of sight, and the consensus was that none was necessary, beyond preventing conditions of leaching toxic fluids. MM observed that the Conservation Commission is responsible for any danger to wetlands. SL to further investigate effective enforcement mechanisms with local police.

New business and future agenda items.

MM suggested the Board monitor the Hollow Fields Nature Reserve controversy in the town of Richmond. A bylaw codifying public access to similar land conservancies in Egremont, such as the Egremont Land Trust's Bow Wow Woods acquisition, seems advisable.

SL suggested sending any helpful materials to Emily Innes before our March meeting with her. ER mentioned town maps that McDonough possibly has access to; ER will contact her.

Future meeting: Friday, March 4, 2022, at 10 AM

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM